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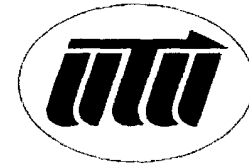
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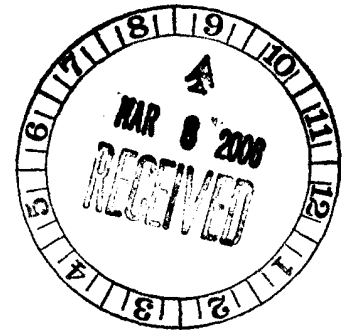
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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Ex Parte No. 575, Review of Rail Access and Competition
Issues-Renewed Petition of the Western Coal Traffic League.

Dear Mr. Williams:

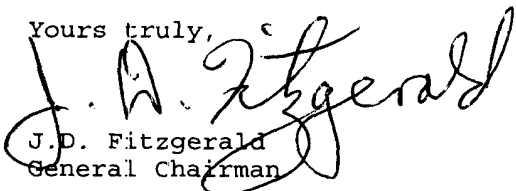
United Transportation Union-General Committee of Adjustment (GO-386), has an interest in the so-called "paper barrier" provisions as described in the Board's decision served February 1, 2006, in this proceeding, and desires to participate.

UTU/GO-386 was a party in Assn. of American Railroads Et Al-Agreement-49 U.S.C. 10706, 3 S.T.B. 910 (1998). See also Docket No 42076, Albany & Eastern Railroad Company v The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad Company (served Feb. 13, July 22, and Nov. 10, 2003).

The Board should be aware that any revision of interchange and routing arrangements would likely have a very profound and extremely adverse effect upon certain railroad employees.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,


J.D. Fitzgerald
General Chairman

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